

Red Rock Canyon State Park - Last Chance Canyon Addition - *DRAFT* - Management Zone/Environmental Effects Matrix

	Proposed Focused-Use Zone	Proposed Primitive Zone	Proposed Sensitive Resource Zone	
			Cultural Preserve	Natural Preserve
Zone Description	This zone consists of areas receiving the highest intensity of visitor use.	This zone is primarily unmodified, with the exception of existing low or minimal impact activities.	This zone protects sensitive resources including previously designated National Register historic district and establishes the Scenic Canyon/Nightmare Gulch Natural Preserve recommended in the original General Plan. Proposed new natural and cultural preserves would occur in this zone.	
Experience	Visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate natural, scenic, and cultural settings with a moderate level of contact with others. The area may have a moderate level of use.	Visitors will have the opportunity to experience the natural environment and setting with a moderate to low level of use and contact with others.	Visitors will experience low-level use, offering minimal contact with others and maximum opportunities for solitude & tranquility. As an area of low-level use, visitors will also have maximum opportunity for experiencing indigenous sights, smells, and sounds.	
Management	Consistent with State Park designation and the Department's resource management directives.	Consistent with State Park designation and the Department's resource management directives.	Consistent with State Park designation, the Department's Resource management directives, Cultural and Natural Preserve designation, and National Register Archaeological District.	
	Managed for high quality recreational experiences.	Managed for a balance between the need for recreation and the protection of resources. Increased emphasis on sustainable ecosystems and maintenance of biodiversity.	Managed to maintain and protect the natural character including the conditions of solitude, biological diversity, and cultural resources.	
	Maintain & protect the natural character including sensitive watersheds, wetlands and creeks.	Avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts on natural and cultural resources.	Habitat manipulation only permitted to preserve the unique species or characteristics which constitute the basis of the preserve.	
	Prescribe sustainable design and maintenance practices.	Prescribe sustainable maintenance practices.	Habitat manipulation only permitted to preserve the unique species or characteristics which constitute the basis of the preserve.	
	Avoid, minimize, monitor, and/or mitigate impacts on natural and cultural resources.	Disturbed areas will be restored to natural conditions.	Disturbed areas will be restored to natural conditions.	
	Highest level of staff presence & signage (more controlled management).	Minimal signage to reflect education, orientation and guidance of visitors.	Minimal signage to provide education, orientation and guidance of visitors.	
	Avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to scenic vistas and night skies.	Preserve scenic vistas and night skies.	Preserve scenic vistas and night skies.	
Land Uses				
Camping	Primitive camping and group camping in designated areas.	Limited less-improved primitive camping in designated areas.	No camping.	
Hiking	Hiking allowed throughout.	Hiking allowed throughout.	Hiking allowed throughout.	
Equestrian	Equestrian activities allowed on designated roads and trails only.	Equestrian activities allowed on designated roads and trails only.	Equestrian activities allowed on designated roads and trails only.	
Mountain bikes	Mountain biking allowed on designated roads.	Mountain biking allowed on designated roads.	Mountain bikes prohibited in preserves. Allowed on designated roads in sensitive zone.	
Astronomy	Allowed with equipment in designated parking and camping areas.	Allowed with equipment in designated parking and camping areas.	No-impact viewing, limited to handheld equipment.	
Vehicles	Vehicles are allowed on designated roads for enjoyment and inspiration of primary resource values and do not significantly impair or detract from the natural setting or quality of park uses determined to be of primary importance.	Vehicles are allowed on designated roads for enjoyment and inspiration of primary resource values and do not significantly impair or detract from the natural setting or quality of park uses determined to be of primary importance.	Motor vehicles are not permitted in cultural and natural preserves. Permitted on roads in sensitive zone.	
Education / Interpretation	Natural, historic, and cultural outdoor education and recreation programs.	Appropriate natural, historic, and cultural outdoor education and recreation programs permitted.	Appropriate natural, historic, and cultural outdoor education and recreation programs permitted.	
Research	Academic and scientific research by permit only.	Academic and scientific research by permit only.	Academic and scientific research by permit only.	
Commercial Filming	Limited filming consistent with the zone description. Permit required.	Limited filming consistent with the Primitive Zone description. Permit required.	No-impact filming consistent with the Preserve Zone description. Permit required.	
Mining	Land managed as State Park and as defined by management zone. Existing claims remain consistent with Federal mining laws and MOU with BLM.	Land managed as State Park and as defined by management zone. Existing claims remain consistent with Federal mining laws and MOU with BLM.	Land managed as State Park and as defined by management zone. Existing claims remain consistent with Federal mining laws and MOU with BLM.	
Mineral collection (rock-hounding)	limited to the focus use areas surrounding the existing opal mines and subject to Superintendent's order.	Mineral collection for research by permit only.	Mineral collection for research by permit only.	
Range of Possible Facilities				
Camping	Designated primitive camp sites without water (incl. group and equestrian camp) w/minimal facilities.	Designated primitive camp sites without water.	No camping facilities.	
Visitor support facilities	Restrooms (waterless pit or chemical toilets).	No Restrooms.	No Restrooms.	
	Designated picnic sites.	No picnic sites.	No picnic sites.	
	Interpretive elements - signs, structures and panels (may include--scenic, low-speed, and self guided driving tours for interpretation). Scientific & educational facilities.	Minor interpretive elements (may include--scenic, low-speed, & self-contained driving loops for use as interpretive routes).	Minimal signage--(allowing for appropriate interpretive and regulatory signs).	
Trails	Trailheads/staging areas for hiking, biking and equestrian use. Development of new trails as necessary to protect sensitive resources.	Hiking, mountain bike and equestrian trails. Reroute existing roads/trails as necessary to protect sensitive resources.	Limited trails permitted.	
Roads	Roads may be improved as necessary. Development of new roads as necessary to protect sensitive resources.	Primitive roads may be maintained. Reroute existing roads as necessary to protect sensitive resources.	Reroute existing roads as necessary to protect sensitive cultural and natural resources in sensitive zones. Motor vehicles not permitted in natural or cultural preserves.	